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1 CONGRESSIONAL
QUARTERLY
Symington, STUART
(orig under Bender)

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Call from Mark Bender, "Congressional Quarterly"

1. Mark Bender, of the "Congressional Quarterly," called and said that they had decided against pursuing the National Reconnaissance Office angle in the "Congressional Quarterly" story on the report of the Special Committee to Study Questions Related to Secret and Confidential Government Documents but were doing a special on CIA and the intelligence community and would appreciate answers to the following questions:

(a) Have CIA's congressional relations been damaged as a result of Chilean/ITT activities, the Ellsberg profile and the secret war in Laos?

(b) Has Congress stepped up its demands on the CIA for greater disclosure, particularly with respect to budgetary and operational matters?

(c) What has the Agency done or attempted to do to soothe congressional outcries for more accountability?

I told Bender that someone would be in contact with him.

2. I asked Bender if he had obtained answers to these questions from the Congress since they concern congressional viewpoints. Bender said Senator Symington had told him there was a need for greater accountability, and in response to my question, he said Symington was referring to Congress in general and not his oversight committee.

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